



## Education Standards and Practices Board

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MINUTES—March 12, 1998

State Capitol

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Linda Davis. Board members present: Sue Andrews, Dr. Mary Harris, Maryjane Martens, Don Haugen and Bev Sandness. ESPB staff members present were Deb Jensen, Marilyn Ridenhower, Bonnie Thompson and Diane Weber. Visitors present were Doug Bahr, Joe Westby, Helen Busche, Larry Klundt, Clark Bormann, Bismarck Tribune staff members Lauren Donovan and Tom Stromme.

Board members not present: Randy Gordon, Mike Schatz and Doug Johnson.

Linda called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the February minutes with stated corrections as suggested by Deb Jensen. Seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Discussion was lead by Marilyn on background checks. She felt that our state was fortunate to have assigned individuals who handle ND prints making the BCI/FBI turn around six to eight weeks. At a conference that Marilyn, Doug Bahr and Linda Davis attended (NASDTEC—March 1-3, 1998), Vermont's background checks take an average of two months for clearance. Ohio has an agreement with their BCI that if prints are rejected for the second time, the FBI will do a direct check with social security number, dob, etc. Motion was made by Mary that the board does support an alternative method of fingerprinting be permitted, due to lifestyle change/injury, to contact the FBI when second set of fingerprints cannot be read. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. The ESPB staff will be meeting with BCI to see how things are going, where improvements can be made, etc. A BCI/ESPB summary was be presented at the next board meeting.

During Marilyn's evaluation, the focus will be on customer service. A tentative plan for the year relating to this issue will be submitted by Marilyn at the April meeting.

The financial report was given by Bonnie.

Deb informed the board that the program approval reports were sent to University of Mary and Sitting Bull College. The program approval standards and procedures will go thru the administrative rules process. Deb reported on the rules and regulations changes (see handout). Motion made by Don to approve the rule and regulation changes, up to the code of ethics. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried. The code of ethics will be up for discussion at the board retreat. Code of ethics samples from other states will be gathered for the 98 summer retreat.

Doug Bahr presented to the board a copy of the bill to be introduced to the legislature for the board to recover costs due to prosecution proceedings. Motion was made by Mary to attempt to find legislative sponsorship for this bill. Seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Gary Gronberg did not attend the board meeting, therefore no one was available to report on Title XV.

Don, Linda and Bev volunteered to be on a subcommittee to develop media policy. Suggestions from the board were that if Marilyn had advance warning to contact the board chair to assist in media issues.

**CASES**

Tony Story

With issues at hand, motion made by Don to initiate investigation of possible revocation of teaching license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried.

Tim Thueson

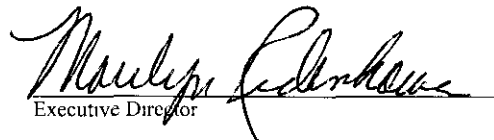
Motion made by Maryjane to accept individual improvement plan with the addition that Mr. Thueson provide a quarterly report, that would include any evaluations. Seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Dunseith Day (Rolla)

Marilyn informed the board of possible case.



Chair



Executive Director